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Tariff The Chief Issue

The Missouri Republicans in their state platform put proper emphasis on the tariff as a national issue. It is the great economic question on which a large majority of American citizens agree in general principle. The protective system was the American system under which American industries were built up in spite of the doubt and scorn of theoretical free traders who have paraded under banners bearing such varied devices of tariff reform as the idiosyncrasies of their leaders have suggested from time to time. Under a protective tariff American farmers have had an incomparable home market for their products. The American laboring men under it have been the best paid workers in the world and their standard of living has been correspondingly high.

The Underwood tariff, instead of being progressive is decidedly reactionary. It retreats from the first great step toward a scientific tariff by abolishing the tariff commissioner and turning the making of schedules over to the partisan house and senate committees, with such direction as they may get from interested parties voluntarily appearing before them and from the intuition of the executive. Instead of extending reciprocal relations under which trade battles could be fought with other countries having tariffs, the Underwood act surrenders everything and gets only what other nations find it solely to their interest to concede. The Underwood tariff, prior to the time when shipping derangement shut off all imports for a season, had proven a failure. Not only had it caused widespread industrial depressions, throwing hundreds of thousands of laborers out of employment, but it had failed to produce adequate revenue, owing to its large free list. In spite of the laying of a graduated income tax in a time of profound peace, the government was facing a treasury deficit when the European war came to obscure the fiscal condition and afford a pretext for extraordinary increase of internal taxes. But the Underwood tariff was in normal operation long enough to demonstrate that it is a typical democratic tariff, such as each generation of voters must suffer for their folly.

The Missouri republicans likewise did well to point out democratic insincerity as to caucus rule, gag rule of the house, executive usurpation, extravagant appropriations, the merit system, Panama Canal tolls and similar matters. In state matters the democrats may be justly charged with a like difference between promise and performance. The republicans did well to emphasize the course of the democratic party on home rule as a signal illustration of the fact that the Democratic party of Missouri has destroyed its rights to expect its platform promises to be given serious consideration by the voters of the state. There are abundant reasons why every republican should go to the polls in November and support the republican ticket. It should be born in mind that this is not an ordinary "off year." A United States senator is to be elected for a term of six years and he will be chosen by direct vote of the people, without any opportunity for a gerrymandered legislature to veto their choice.—Globe Democrat.

Some Evening Reveries

Begin to save when you begin to earn. There is one sure mark of a coming millionaire. His revenues always exceed his expenditures. He begins to save as soon as he begins to earn. Capitalists trust the saving young man. It is not capital your seniors require, it is the man who has proved he has the business habits which make capital. Begin at once to lay up something. It is the first hundred dollars saved which tells. And here is the prime condition of success, the great secret; concentrate your energy, thought and capital exclusively upon the business in which you are engaged. Having begun in one line, resolve to fight it out on that line, to lead in it; adopt every improvement, have the best machinery and know the most about it. Finally, do not be impatient, for as Emerson says, "No one can cheat you out of ultimate success but yourselves."

A girl in her teens with too many and too costly clothes on her back, gets self-conscious and vain, and loves admiration—and you grown-ups know the next step. A simple, pure-hearted girl, who has a place in a home, home work and home duties, has her heart there and no boy can steal it. Even when maturity comes and a real man comes, will such a girl leave home and then only heart rending. But a girl who is at home only at the table and in bed won't love that home. Work makes things sacred. The child whose home memories are not haloed by work, who is not needed and does not feel the need, will not love home. And if she doesn't love the home of her girlhood she will love no other. She will go anywhere for anything. Home will mean nothing to such a woman, and if she is respectable she will only lack the opportunity to be a bad woman and is good only through circumstances or by the necessity of an ugly face. She will curse any man she marries.

There are three great rocks ahead of the practical young man who has his feet upon the ladder and is beginning to rise. First, drunkenness, which, of course, is fatal. There is no use wasting any time on the young man who drinks liquor, no matter how exceptional his talent. Second, speculation. The business of a speculator and that of a manufacturer or man of affairs are not only distinct, but incompatible. The manufacturer should go forward steadily, meeting the market prices. When there are goods to sell, sell them; when supplies are needed, purchase them, without regard to the market price in either case. I have never known a speculative manufacturer or business man who scored a permanent success; he is rich one day, bankrupt the next. The third rock is akin to speculation—endorsing. There are emergencies, no doubt, in which men should help their friends, but there is a rule that will keep one safe; no man should place his name on the obligation of another if he has not sufficient to meet it without detriment to his business.

A New Specie

From Unionville Republican

The Milan Republican tells of an animal recently exhibited by a show. According to the Republican, the animal was called a honoficabilitudinitatibus, and it had a nose like a rabbit, forehead like a hog, eyes like an eagle, ears like a human, mane like a horse, fur on its feet like a bear, hind feet like a coon, quills like a porcupine, teeth like a beaver, and fangs like a snake. It does not drink water. Mr. Guthrie wants to know what it is, but we are unable to tell him, unless it is a species of the bull moose.



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Notice is hereby given to all creditors and others interested in the estate of John Sparks deceased, that I. O. F. Libby, executor, of said estate, intend to make final settlement thereof at the next term of the Probate Court of Linn county, State of Missouri, to be held at Linneus, on the 9th day of November, 1914. O. F. LIBBY, Executor.

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of Edward F. Weatherly, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Judge of the Probate Court of Linn County, Missouri, bearing date the 18th day of August, 1914.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred. J. S. WEATHERLY, Administrator.

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